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## PLAN TO VISIT SEATTLE

Jay Cooke Howard, in the last number of The Journal, lays out suggestions for a return trip from San Francisco that should prove attractive to those who want to see as much of America as possible.

Seattle people will be ready to welcome the crowd should the plans materialize.

The itinerary provides for leaving San Francisco by boat on Tuesday, July 27, arriving Portland next day. As the intention is to leave on the Saturday morning boat for Victoria and Vancouver, this would allow a day each in Portland and Seattle. The trip east through the Canadian Rockies calls for stops at some of the principal points of interest.

The perspiring trip from Omaha to Denver over the semi-arid plains will trickle through Jay's memory as a pleasant summer dream after he has experienced that stage of the journey across the Utah and Nevada deserts, sweltering under a glaringly summer sun, and should clinch the argument for a return trip via the northern route.

### KELLOGG, IDAHO.

Henry Ott was in Kellogg to look for work but was not successful in finding any job. He left here for Montana two weeks ago.

Jas. B. Bixler is still living in South Bend, Ind., where he is in business.

A 10-year-old deaf mute boy named Domeni Tonty, lives with his parents beyond here. He will go to attend the state school for the deaf at Gooding, Idaho next fall. His father works in the Stewart mine. His parents came here from Italy about 15 years ago.

It is reported that a picnic by the deaf will be held in Missoula, Mont. on July 4th. Some of us may go to attend. We may not attend the Spokane picnic on July 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley B. Taylor live on a farm about one mile east of the mountains. Their son Paul is a bright boy. Wesley has been steadily employed at the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine mill yard about 15 years.

Wesley B. Taylor's parents left here last month and went to visit their relatives in Oklahoma and Missouri.

Alfred E. Arnot is employed by the B. H. and S. M. Company. He will attend the convention of the state association of the deaf in Montana and many attend the N. A. D. convention.

DIAMOND MINER.



JAY COOKE HOWARD

President National Association of the Deaf

### Things Are Booming In Portland under Swangren

Ernest Swangren, the state organizer for the N. A. D. in Oregon, is doing things. Owing to his efforts the following new members have been added: Atchisson Scott, W W Redman, O H Fay, Claude Hollinger, Laurence Gromechay, Robert J. Seiberts, Joseph F. Jorg, Arthur Stalker, Anthony Kautz, W W Fleming, Charles Lynch, Fred S Delaney, Charles Lawrence, Bird S Craven, Alva D. Allen, James George, Miss Ethel Hardy, Mrs Ernest Swangren, Francis Brickley.

Mr. Swangren has a number of other names to add soon.

Portland now has an enthusiastic Booster club. With Vancouver Boosters they are holding a series of card parties and keeping up interest.

The Washington state organizer is quietly at work. If you are going to the state convention at Vancouver, be sure to take along a dollar to make your conscience and yourself right with the N. A. D.

I would like to see Erve Chambers of Spokane turn his Bible knowledge into helping the N. A. D. Spokane should have a rousing Booster club and be in the glory of putting the northwest on the map as doing its part toward a strong and powerful N. A. D.

W. S. ROOT.

## EVERYWHERE

Peshastin, Wash.—William Briskey,

of Leavenworth, was visiting friends in this place for a week recently.

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Oscelo, Iowa.—Henry Schmidt has a new modern electric shoe machine in his shop and is doing a rushing business. His business has grown so large that he would like to have a partner, deaf preferred.

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Benson, Neb.—Fred Swanson, now boasts of an up-to-date shoe shop. He has added from time to time, modern pieces of machinery for facilitating the work. His genial personality as well as his good workmanship attract patronage.

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Ashbel N. Merrell of St. Louis, a member of the great wholesale drug firm bearing that name and who died a short time ago, carried insurance on his life to the amount of \$19,000, part of which was placed by Mr. Berg, of Indianapolis. Last summer Mr. Merrell considered increasing it, but his health then began to fail and the negotiations were dropped. He was one of the most popular deaf men of St. Louis. He left a fortune of about \$65,000, mostly in stock of the drug firm.

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Leavenworth, Wash.—William Briskey has just completed a six-room modern bungalow on his ranch near here. There is only one thing lacking now to make it the home comfortable, and Mr. Briskey will doubtless manage to fill it ere long.

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Greenfield, Iowa.—Floyd Frederick has what he terms some amusing experience with customers who come to his shoe shop. For instance, a customer comes in and writes: "I want these shoes half 'souled' and 'helled.'" Floyd has driven the only other shoe maker out of town and now has the whole field to himself and all the work he can do.

### NOMINATED FOR DELEGATE

Charles A. Gumaer, dean of the deaf linotype operators in the U. S., is one of a field of seven delegates nominated at the last meeting of the Seattle Typo Union. Two delegates will be sent to the annual convention of the I. T. U. which occurs in Los Angeles in August. The election of delegates will be on May 26. Mr. Gumaer stands a good show, but even if he does not win, the other contestants will know they have been in a real race when the election is over.

# THE OBSERVER

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School teachers in Indiana, after 35 years' of service, will be retired on a pension of \$600 a year, with a further increase for longer service, according to a law passed by the legislature in that state. Teachers in the school for the deaf will receive the benefits conferred by this law.

A treat is in store for those eastern people journeying to San Francisco to attend the N. A. D. convention if they take advantage of the special train, the schedule of which is published elsewhere. It brings back to memory the enjoyable time the crowd from the northwest had on the special car sent through from Seattle to Denver for their benefit at the time of the Colorado convention.

## PEDESTRIAN ASSUMES RISK.

A decision handed down recently by the state supreme court should be of great interest to the deaf of this state, and to hearing people as well.

A newsboy darted across the street in the middle of a block and was run down and injured by an automobile. In the superior court the boy sued and recovered \$300 damages for his injuries, but the case was appealed to the supreme court, which held that the boy was not entitled to recover because the accident did not occur at a regular street crossing. The court held that the pedestrian assumed all risk when he choose to cross at any other portion of the street. Neither should one attempt to "cut corners" by going over a street crossing diagonally.

Do you want a semi-monthly letter from the deaf of the Northwest? You can get it for the price of a two-cent stamp each issue. The price of the Observer is now 50 cents a year.

## STATE CONVENTION JUNE 12-15

The board of control has given permission to the management of the State school for the deaf at Vancouver to accommodate those in attendance at the convention entirely free of charge for the three days.

This courtesy will be much appreciated by those deciding to attend.

Portland will hold its annual rose festival about June 12, and visitors will be able to take advantage of the fare and a third for the round trip usually granted by the railroads on this occasion.

The local committee is composed of Messrs. Divine, Meagher, Hunter, Reeves and MacDonald, and it's a cinch they will offer all that can be desired along this line.

## OFFICIAL CALL

The official call for the 1915 special convention of the National Association of the Deaf has been issued as follows:

In accordance with a vote taken at the tenth convention of this association in Cleveland, Ohio, August, 1913, that a special meeting be held in San Francisco in 1915, and in compliance with decision as to date made by the executive committee May 9, 1914, call is hereby issued for this special convention of the National Association of the Deaf to meet in the city of San Francisco, state of California, from July 19 to 24, 1915, Monday to Saturday, inclusive.

Signed this seventh day of April, 1915, in the city of Duluth, state of Minnesota.

JAY C. HOWARD, President.

A. L. Roberts, Secretary.

## ALL IS NOT GOLD THAT GLITTERS

The idee of puttin' up a fine bronze monument to De l'Epee and unveilin' it in a blaze of glory is sure attractive to such folkss as is fond of outward show. But when the tumult and the shoutin' dies and the captains and the kings departs, what is left but a dead thing with a lot of useful money buried in it, like the talent that was hid in the earth of the vegetable garden? If instead of this the thousands of dollars that may be raised was invested and the interest used to help the deaf in various ways in the future, how much better it would be! It would be a livin' monument of usefulness and helpfulness. The name of the Abbe would become a household word among the deaf whom the fund helped and benefited. And the fund could keep right on growin' and becomin' more and more useful as the years passed by. If any phillyanthropist wanted to know how he could help the deafs, tell him to put some money into the De l'Epee Fund.—Ichabod Crane in the Courier.

Cheerfulness is a duty we owe to others.

## A HUSTLING ORGANIZATION.

The deaf of California have a powerful organization in their association known as the California Association of the Deaf. Yet a good many do not realize this fact. When all do there will be more and more interest in it. It will be their weapon of defense. Unjust laws discriminating against them because they happen to be deaf will be followed up and exposed. The Committee on Legislation is ever watchful of the interests of the deaf of the state. It keeps guard over the doings of the Legislature. It watches the cities for unfair ordinances affecting the deaf. It is the bulldog of the Association. Nothing escapes it. As soon as an unfair law in regard to the deaf is drafted, up springs this mighty creature and gets it in its teeth. Then the end is seen, for it never lets go. The automobile bill which endeavored to prevent deaf taxpayers from owning and operating machine driven vehicles was promptly taken up and died in committee! That was two years ago. Today a dozen or more deaf people in the state enjoy daily spins in their own machines and no one says them nay. Last January an "Imposter Bill" was introduced in the Assembly and has been favorably reported. If passed it will mean that the deaf imposters who infest the cities and towns will be scarce in the future and bona fide deaf people will consequently rise in the estimation of the public that has so long been fooled. The workmen's compensation act which discriminates against the deaf has occupied the attention of the Committee on Legislation and it is likely that something will be done to remedy the existing defects of an otherwise very good law. The oral day school nuisance is always under the close surveillance of the Committee, assisted by the Committee on Literature. Just now there has been introduced in the Assembly a bill which, if it is enacted into law, will grossly discriminate against the deaf in certain occupations. This has been tackled vigorously and the chances of its final passage now seem unlikely. Does it pay, then, to support our Association? What if all these bills were written into the statute books? Where would you and you job probably be? Oh, knockers of the Association, mend your ways!—California News.

The deaf of the Northwest used to receive many plaudits for their hustling qualities, but along side this, the record of the local state association reads about as follows:

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## LOCAL NOTES.

Regular monthly meeting of the P. S. A. D. next week, Saturday evening.

Henry Ott is now in Henderson, Mont., where he has secured a good job in a saw mill.

Mrs. Flagg and W. S. Root were guests of Miss Alice Hammond, in Tacoma, last Sunday.

August Koberstein writes that he arrived safe at Ketchikan, on his way to a point north of Juneau, Alaska.

C. K. McConnell is now state organizer for the Frats, the position having been made vacant by P. L. Axling's removal to Portland.

Mrs. Minnick and Ben and Albert Minnick journeyed over from Tacoma in an auto last Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Otha Minnick.

Fred Kuhn this week returned to his studies at the Vancouver school. His sick brother, whom he came to visit, failed to rally, and passed away a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Axt entertained Mr. and Mrs. Waugh with an auto ride to Edmonds last Sunday. It was a 50 mile round trip, and a glorious ride at this time of the year.

Mrs. Cleon Partridge entertained a few friends Saturday evening at a dinner in honor of her husband's birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Flagg, Mrs. Koberstein, and Messrs. Root and Sackville-West.

The Seattle ladies assembled at Mrs. Editha Ziegler's home, on 18th avenue northeast, last Saturday and gave her a surprise shower of dainty little useful articles. They brought along refreshments and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

At the conclusion of his services last Sunday, Rev. Jensen announced that Rev. G. E. Nachtshim, of Minneapolis, Minn., president of the board of missions of the Lutheran organization, would make a tour of the west in July to look over the newly established mission field which Rev. Jensen is now covering.

Roy Harris was in a collision last week, and received painful injuries, which, however, were not severe enough to keep him from work. He was going to work on his motorcycle, and ran into an auto that passed suddenly in front of him, and which a street car that had come to a stop, obscured from sight.

Olof Hanson received a letter last week announcing the death of Charles Thompson on a train somewhere in Wyoming, while enroute to St. Paul, his home, from California. Thompson inherited a vast fortune from his father, and was known to many of the former Minnesotans now living in the

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west. He was known all over the country as the deaf Minnesota millionaire.

## Where Will He Be Tomorrow?

Roy Hawley, formerly of Seattle and elsewhere, has bobbed up in Omaha, where he has a job as press feeder, according to the Nebraska Journal.

A post card was received from Roy Hawley, this morning, saying that he has already secured steady work as a pressman at New York City. "We all go the same way to New York."

## SOME MONEY FOR FUND

A good sized crowd was in attendance at the monthly social held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gustin, given to boost the home fund of the state association and about \$6 was pledged. Progressive whist was played, Roy Harris acting as scorer, and he hustled things along. Otha Minnick and True Partridge were tied for high score, but as the latter was on the committee and therefore the host for the evening, he declined to be considered in the running, and the prize, a necktie, went to Mr. Minnick. Mrs. May Flagg won the ladies' prize, a fruit basket. Miss Myrtle Hammond and J. E. Gustin carried off the booby prizes. Refreshments were served after the whist game was finished.

## PORTLAND N. A. D. BOOSTERS

The deaf people in the Rose City have organized a boosters' club, with Ernest Swangren, president, and H. C. Linde, secretary. Mr. Swangren is also state organizer for Oregon and has already boosted the N. A. D. membership roll with several new names.

The "Going to California" club, at present comprises Miss Myrtle Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Klawitter, Miss Grace Ziegler and A. W. Wright, and Mrs. Leona Cummings, of Ellensburg, may join. There are no entrance fees to this club—the only qualification for membership is to possess the necessary sum to pay one's own expenses to San Francisco and back. Only a little over two months left in which to join.

## TO EXCHANGES.

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# **Bible Class FOR THE DEAF**

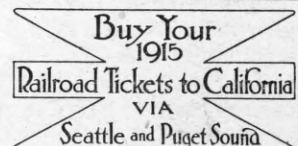
meets on the Third Sunday of each month at three o'clock p.m. in Trinity Parish Church, corner Eighth avenue and James street. All welcome.

Olof Hanson, Lay-reader in charge.

## LAMP-BAYLOR.

Harrington, Wash.—W. F. Lamp and Miss Lily Baylor, the former from Mohler and the latter from Garfield, were married at the home of the bride's brother, on his farm near Colfax Thursday, March 11. They returned to Mr. Lamp's fine farm south of Harrington the same day of their marriage in the groom's auto. They will make their home on the farm with which Mrs. Lamp is very much pleased. Mrs. Lamp, like her husband, is deaf, but speaks and reads lips well.

Although handicapped by lack of hearing, Mr. Lamp is one of our prosperous farmers and is a good mechanic. His wife is an accomplished lady, an artist of ability with oil colors, fancy work and a splendid companion for her husband.—Harrington Citizen.



## SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL TRAIN, N. A. D., WEST OF OMAHA

The following tentative schedule of the special train of the National Association of the Deaf that will be chartered for the trip to San Francisco, has been arranged. Some slight chances in running time may be made west of Omaha, and the final schedule will be published in due time:

Leave Omaha 4:20 p m Monday, July 12, UPRR, arrive Denver 7:30 a m, Tuesday, stop-over 1½ hours.

Leave Denver 9:00 a m, July 13, arrive Colorado Springs 11:30 a m, stop-over 14½ hours. Visit to Garden of the Gods, Pike's Peak, Mount Manitou, etc. Dinner and supper at Colorado Springs.

Leave Colorado Springs 2:00 a m, July 14, arrive Canon City 7:00 a m, motor car ride through Royal Gorge arranged by Canon City Chamber of Commerce.

Leave Canon City 1:00 p m, arrive Salt Lake City 10:00, July 15, stop-over 24 hours. Dip in Salt Lake, visit to Mormon Temple, and other places of interest.

Leave Salt Lake City 10:00 a m, July 16, arrive Ogden 11 a m, stop-over 2 hours. Motor car ride to State School for the Deaf, time permitting.

Leave Ogden 1:00 p m, July 16, arrive Reno 3:30 a m, July 17, take on a delegate or two at this place. Then arrive Sacramento 10:30 a m, July 17, stop-over 4 hours. Members of California Association of the Deaf, in session here, will entertain eastern delegates. Extra cars added here to carry California members to Frisco.

Leave Sacramento 2:30 p m Saturday, July 17, arrive San Francisco 6:00 p m.

All special cars or trains east of Omaha will be arranged for by Mr. Hodgson, these specials to run from Chicago to Omaha over the Chicago & North Western Line, to connect with Omaha special. Schedule of Chicago special to Omaha will be announced later.

A folder descriptive of the trip, with all necessary information as to rates for tickets and sleeping car berths, official headquarters and hotels at San Francisco, etc., will shortly be issued by the railroads interested, and a copy will be mailed each member of the association. The Transportation Committee in charge of the trip is composed of E. A. Hodgson, Station M, New York City, L. C. Williams, 415 Lick Bldg., San Francisco, and A. L. Roberts, Olathe, Kansas; and all inquiries relatives to this trip should be addressed to the nearest member of the committee. It is hoped that those who contemplate making the trip will communicate with the committee, so that adequate accommodations on the special may be provided for all.

## THE CHARM OF YOUTH

There is no greater mistake that can be made by old people, or by people who are growing old, than to fail to maintain some contact with the young life that pulsates and throbs all about them. One ought to be, not a mere spectator of this youthful life, but, as far as possible, a participant in it. Shakespeare was wrong when he said "crabbed age and youth cannot live together." And yet this may be true of "crabbed age". But there is no reason why age should be crabbed.

It becomes so only by feeding on itself. There is as much timidity and self-consciousness among old as among young people—and frequently more.

And they are often exceedingly difficult to overcome. As one moves along through the years one's point of view is certain to change—and it is right that it should. For time is a great dispeller of illusions, and experience is a wonderful teacher. But there are two possible results against which men ought to be ever on their guard. One is cynicism that seems sometimes to be an almost necessary consequence of lost illusions; and the other is a complete break in the sympathy between the old and the young. Here memory is a mighty help. When a man is able to think himself back into his own youthful days, with all their supposed foolishness, he is not likely to judge

harshly, or to fail to understand those who are just beginning their pilgrimage through this "naughty world."

Rather he will be charmed by youth's innocence and sublime confidence. To him they will not seem absurd, but wholly engaging—or, at the worst, pathetic. He will remember the days when he was confident that he would be able, with his own strong sword, to slay all the dragons of civilization; and instead of discouraging the valiant and youthful warriors he will bid them "go to it."

If they win, so much the better, if they fail—well, they will sooner or later be reconciled. After all it is the effort, and not the result of it, that counts.—Ex.

## CRICKET.

Spear points say if Mausaniello could only come out of the bug house, well, he'd rejoice. He'd better try to keep him out from such a place. If he can't, then keep him in under quarantine. We have felt all the bugs we care to and more. Appoint Dr. Cloud after the dead timber is removed? Better consult Jupiter Pluvius too, some clouds haven't enough water to soak anything. Well, well, let it pass. What, Bugs? Not if I can prevent it.

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Spear Points don't like to stick a man on his knees in prayer but he has gone through the Bible as far as from Noah

down to Abraham. There are ten others who he don't describe and Hodgson he says may be the eleventh.

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Spear also refers to the N. A. D. in the betting ring. How much did he lose on Jack (Artha) Johnson?

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Spear says the hen is mightier than the pen. Right, but how could any body keep hens without a pen to keep 'em in?

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Reports say Vancouver deaf to give a ball. The cub reporter doubtless thought they intended to swipe the Vancouver barracks cannon balls to give away. He classed their inmates like those at Walla Walla.

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Observer passes seventh year and price dropped half. Good! When I see something I'll make sure its seven years old and get it at half price.

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They can't miss Seattle, nor take home a Wash. As for Spokane, "they'll miss it if they miss it."

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What! Dummy Taylor an umpire? I used to love to puzzle over them umpires in the evening but here is a deaf one so what's the use? I'll keep out of the ball grounds this summer. Besides some don't look where they step.

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Attend the convention and gather good fruit. Sure, and do it early, because al fruits gathered can not remain fresh long or keep from rotting in the summer time.

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C. E. Walker, in Blackfoot (Idaho) from Dayton. Did he walk-er barefoot-ed?

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True Partridge in poultry business? Guess Spear has another pen affair to deal with. We all know Seattle birds can't run at large. I'll leave it to the Seattle police to tell Spear Points first comes the pen then the hen.

CRICKET.

## A PRINCELY DONATION.

It is announced that a Pennsylvania philanthropist has devised \$50,000 to the home for the aged deaf in that state as a memorial to his wife, but that the bequest will not become effective until the death of the testator's brothers.

## "DEAF" BEGGAR PROTESTS.

CENTRALIA, Wash.—For impersonating deaf mute man in order to obtain money from sympathetic individuals, George House is spending a term of twelve days in the Lewis county jail. House was handing out cards telling of his alleged misfortune when a peace officer met him. The officer grabbed House and shook him roughly. "Don't do that," said House, and a jail sentence resulted.